Transportation of LNG from Foreign Countries

4226. SHRI YADALAPATI VENKAT RAO : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) how transportation of LNG from foreign countries to India are made;

(b) whether Indian shipping companies are preferred for this purpose; and

(c) if not, the measures proposed for Indian Shipping participation for transportation of LNG to save foreign exchange?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI E. PONNUSWAMY) : (a) Transportation of LNG is through specialized cryogenic tankers However, as on date. LNG is not being transported to India.

(b) and (c) Does not arise.

Supply of CNG

4227. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have made arrangements to install and operate a mumber of CNG stations for vehicles all over the country;

(b) whether it is a fact that GAIL has not been able to come up to expectations in supply of CNG in major cities in the country;

(c) the number of CNG outlets in Delhi, as on date;

(d) whether it is a fact that even these outlets are only partially functional at any given time;

(e) whether a rational assessment will be made of the present capacity of GAIL to meet the demand of CNG; and

(f) the steps proposed in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI E. PONNUSWAMY) : (a) Yes Sir. 56 CNG stations have been commissioned so far to make CNG available for motor vehicles in the cities of Mumbai, Delhi, Vadodara, Surat and Ankleshwar.